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SUBJECT: FEN DELEGATION VISIT TO LISBON

1. A FOUR-MAN DELEGATION FROM FEN (FEDERATION DE L'EDUCATION NATIONALE) HEADED BY ITS SEC GEN ANDRE HENRY VISITED LISBON 28-31 OCTOBER. SUMMARIZED BELOW ARE IMPRESSIONS OF LISBON BROUGHT BACK BY FEN DELEGATION AS TOLD TO LABATT AND PARTIALLY REPEATED AT PRESS CONFERENCE ON 6 NOVEMBER:

(A) A TWO-HOUR MEETING WITH PCP LEADER CUNHAL CONFIRMED DELEGATION'S IMAGE OF HIM AS A "DANGEROUS, DETERMINED AND HIGHLY MOTIVATED MAN." WHAT STRUCK THE FEN LEADERS WAS THE SIMPLISTIC MANNER IN WHICH CUNHAL ANALYZED PORTUGUESE SITUATION AS ONE OF CONFRONTATION BETWEEN EVIL AND GOOD WHEREIN EVIL WAS ANYTHING AND ANYONE WHO DID NOT HAVE PCP ENDORSEMENT. CUNHAL EXPRESSED TOTAL OPPOSITION TO SOARES AND EVERYTHING HE MAY REPRESENT AND ABSOLUTELY REFUSED ANY SUGGESTIONS OF MEETING SOARES AT THIS TIME.

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(B) A LUNCHEON WITH SOARES CONVINCED

DELEGATION THAT PSP LEADER LOOKS TO THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE WITH CONSIDERABLE CONFIDENCE BUT WITHOUT RELAXING HIS VIGILANCE AGAINST PCP ACTIVITIES.

(C) EVERYONE'S EYES ARE FIXED ON 11 NOVEMBER, THE DAY ANGOLA WILL BE DECLARED INDEPENDENT, OUT OF APPREHENSION THAT THE RIGHT OR THE EXTREME LEFT MIGHT SEIZE THE OCCASION TO MAKE A COUP OR OTHERWISE DISTURB CURRENT EVOLUTION OF PORTUGUESE POLITICAL LIFE.

(D) THERE IS ALMOST UNANIMOUS AGREEMENT THAT IF 11 NOVEMBER DATE IS UNEVENTFUL, SIXTH PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT WOULD HAVE TURNED A DIFFICULT CAP AND CAN BE EXPECTED TO SURVIVE UNTIL PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS ARE HELD.

(E) BASED ON THE WHOLE RANGE OF CONTACTS THEY HAD IN LISBON, WHICH INCLUDED THREE SECRETARIES OF STATE AND MINISTER OF EDUCATION, FEN DELEGATION CAME AWAY WITH THE FEELING THAT THE PORTUGUESE EXPERIENCE SINCE APRIL 1974 WAS ANALOGOUS TO THE FRENCH EXPERIENCE OF REVOLUTIONARY FEVER AND CERTAIN CHAOS CREATED DURING MAY-JUNE 1968 WITH THE SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCE OF COURSE THAT THE PORTUGUESE SITUATION HAS LASTED MUCH LONGER. THE DELEGATION FEELS, HOWEVER, THAT THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT IS BEGINNING TO GET HOLD OF THE SITUATION, IS MAKING SLOW BUT DEFINITE PROGRESS TOWARDS RESTORING ORDER AND DISCIPLINE AND GETTING THE STATE MACHINERY WORKING AGAIN AND IN GENERAL IS ATTEMPTING TO BRING "THE PORTUGUESE REVOLUTIONARY FETE TO AN END."

2. COMMENT: THE ONLY SUBJECT ON WHICH THE DELEGATION SPOKE WITH CUNHAL AND HIS DETERMINATION TO PLAY A LEADING ROLE IN PORTUGAL'S POLITICAL LIFE.##
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